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OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
ASSEMBLED
IN PARLIAMENT,
APPOINTING

A Comptroll on the Office of Excise
London, and the extents thereof,

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum
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APPOINTING
A Committee of the Lords of Exchequer
to enquire into the accounts of the

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He Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled taking notice of the integritie, paines, and care of the Commissioners of *Excise* in execution of that Trust committed unto them; Yet finding it just and requisite, that a Comptroll should bee placed upon the Accompts of *Excise*; to give satisfaction to themselves, and this Kingdome; Do ordaine *Thomas Fawcemberge* Esquire to bee Comptroller of the

Office of Excise, of the Excise of the City of London, with the Limits and Extents thereof; And do give him full power & authoritie by himself, or his sufficient Deputies to keep account of all Entries, Receipts, Payments, Rebates, Tares, Trets, Discompt, Interest, or any Bills of Sufferance whatsoever, within the Office and Limits aforesaid; And that no person or persons shall bee discharged of any dutie belonging to the Office of Excise before the same bee signed by the said Thomas Fauconberge, or his Deputies, who are hereby enjoyned to enter the same from time to time in a booke to bee kept for that purpose; and to signe according to the Instructions hereafter mentioned, and such other Instructions as the said Comptroller shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament, or the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Excise. And it is further Ordained that the said Thomas Fauconberge shall have for his Salary the yearly summe of five hundred pounds, to bee paid him quarterly by the Commissioners of Excise, who are hereby authorized and appointed to pay the same: For which this present Ordinance, with his Receipt shall bee their sufficient discharge: And the said Thomas Fauconberge shall have such further allowances for his Deputies, and Clerkes as shall bee thought convenient by the said Committee of Excise. Who are hereby authorized to proportion their number and respective Salaries, and to give warrant to the said Commissioners of Excise to pay the same accordingly; which warrant shall bee a sufficient discharge to the said Commissioners for such payments. And the said

said *Thomas Fautenberge* shall quarterly deliver a perfect accompt of all Entries, Payments, Receipts, and Debts, unto *William Bond*, who is hereby ordeyned to be Auditor of all Excise and new Impost within the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Towne of *Berwick*, and is to have and execute the same power and authoritie granted to the Auditors in any former Ordinances of *Excise* whatsoever, excepting the making and keeping a Duplicate, or counterpart of all Accompts and Entries in the said Office. And it is likewise ordained, That the said *William Bond* shall have for his Salary, the yearly summe of five hundred pounds to bee paid him quarterly by the Commissioners of Excise, who are hereby authorized and appointed to pay the same, for which this present Ordinance, with his Receipt, shall bee their sufficient discharge. And the said *William Bond* shall have such further allowances for his Clerks, as shall be thought convenient by the said Committee of Excise, who are hereby authorized to proportion their number and respective Salaries, and to give warrant to the Commissioners of Excise to pay the same accordingly, which warrant shall bee a sufficient discharge to the said Commissioners for such Payment. And it is further Ordained, That the said Comptroller, and his respective Deputies, shall take an Oath in these words,

You shall sweare to bee faithfull and true in the Office of Comptroll of Excise or New Impost, and to your best skill and knowledge shall execute the same diligently and faithfully according to

the direction of the Ordinance of Parliament, and such Instructions as are, or shall bee given you by both Houses of Parliament, or the Committee of Lords and Commons for Excise in that behalfe. And shall doe all things belonging to your Place, according to your ability, without any private Reward, or private end to your selfe, directly or indirectly. And you will not discover the course of any Persons Trade unto any other Person whatsoever, and in all things you shall well and truely behave your self.

So help you God, and the
Contents of this Book.

And that any Five of the Committee for Excise shall have power to administer this Oath to the Comptroller or his Deputies. And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that the said *Thomas Fauconberge*, and his Deputies, shall execute the said Place and Office of Comptroller, according to this Ordinance, and the Instructions hereafter mentioned, and such other Instructions as the said Comptroller shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament, or the said Committee of Lords and Commons for the Excise; who are hereby authorized to give further Instructions for that purpose, as they shall see cause. And it is lastly Ordained, That this Ordinance shall bee of force, and put in execution immediately from and after the eleventh day of September next ensuing, and not before.

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Instructions for a Comptroll upon the Ac-
compts of Excise Office, London, within
the Limies and Extents thereof.

Viz.

I. **T**hat the Comptroller by himself, or his sufficient Deputy and Deputies, attend daily according to the usuall times, and bee present at all Receipts and Entries within the severall Offices of the Excise Office in Broadstreet, London, and at the Custome-House, and make Duplicates, or Entries of the same, in fitting Bookes to bee provided for that purpose.

II. That no Person be discharged of the Duty of Excise untill a Ticket for the same bee signed by the Comptroller, or his Deputies.

III. That no Bill of sufferance bee valid or effectuall, untill the same bee signed by the said Comptroller, or his Deputies.

IV. That no allowance for Rebates, Tare, Tret, and Discompts, or other Abatements which the Commissioners of Excise shall make and allow to any Person be valid or effectuall, untill the said Comptroller by himselfe, or his Deputies shall signe the same.

V. That all allowances for Rebates, Tare, Tret, and Dis-

*Discompts: And likewise all Bills of sufferance and Tickets
of Excise, or their Deputies, or Servants, and presented to the
Comptroller, or Deputies, for his, or their hand, shall be by
him, or them signed and entered in his Book accordingly.*

VI. That if any difference arise between the Commis-
sioners of Excise, and the Comptroller, That upon notice
thereof given by the Comptroller to the Committee of Lords
and Commons for Excise, the said Committee is hereby
authorized to determine the same.

VII. That the Commissioners of Excise, or their Clerk
to the Cash, shall weekly, upon every Munday morning, de-
liver the Comptroller, or his Deputy, a Copy of all Payments
and Disbursements, and to whom, during the preceding
week, which the Comptroller is to enter in a Book to be
kept for that purpose. And that no payment made by the
Commissioners of Excise, shall be allowed or valid, unless
an Account thereof be weekly given as aforesaid.

VIII. That the said Comptroller shall Quarterly deli-
ver in unto the Auditor, a perfect Account, as well of all
Entries, Receipts, and Debts, as of the Payments aforesaid.

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